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No. 38/22/01/2026/BYE-ELEC-V.P./MAG/XII/SG/M.O.756 Date : 05-Mar-2026

UNDER SECTION 163 OF THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023.

Whereas, the Goa State Election Commission has announced the Bye Election to Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna in South Goa District are scheduled to be held on 08-03-2026 (Sunday) and counting of polled votes fixed on 09-03-2026 (Monday). The Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect. The Goa State Election Commission has issued directions to ensure free, fair and peaceful Election;

And whereas, political disputes, confrontation, violence and breach of peace may arise on the eve of the poll due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Paan Shops and other food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., due to gathering of crowd in the vicinity of 200 meters of the polling station and Counting Centre which may create nuisance, law and order problem or may also create a situation of undue pressure or influence on the voter;

And whereas, Sections 170 and 171 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) disallow attempts of bribery and undue influence on any person or voter and whoever commits offence of bribery is punishable under Section 173 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and whoever commits the offence of undue influence or impersonation at an election is punishable under Section 174 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub-section (2) of Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, I hereby pass the order ex-parte.

Now therefore, I, Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, in exercise of the powers vested in me under sub-section (1) of Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 hereby issue following Prohibitory orders:

1. That all Restaurants, Bars, Tea shops, Paan shops, Eateries and other Food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., situated in Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna in South Goa District jurisdiction within 200 meters of the following, shall remain closed:

   (i) The polling station w.e.f. 06.00 hrs. to 21.00 hrs. on the day of poll i.e. on 08-03-2026.

   (ii) The counting centres w.e.f. 06.00 hrs. to till end of counting of votes on 09-03-2026.

2. Ban any gathering or crowd comprising of more than 5 persons within 200 meters of polling stations within the area of Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna in South Goa District.

I further direct that the above restrictions shall not apply to public servants on duty and to bonafide marriage or funeral processions or religious processions/functions. Also, the above Order shall not apply to the authorised officers on Election duty including the Polling Officials, Magistrates, Police Officials and Government Staff.

Failure to comply with this order shall be liable for penal action under Section 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 05th day of March, 2026.

Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao-Goa.

Order

No. 38/22/01/2026/BYE-ELEC-V.P./MAG/XII/SG/M.O.758 Date : 05-Mar-2026

UNDER SECTION 163 OF BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023.

Whereas, the Goa State Election Commission has announced the Bye Elections to Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna in South Goa District which is scheduled to be held on 08-03-2026 (Sunday) and counting of polled votes fixed on 09-03-2026 (Monday). The Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect. The Goa State Election Commission has issued directions to ensure free, fair and peaceful Election;

And whereas, political disputes, confrontation, violence and breach of peace may arise on the eve of the Poll day due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food shops (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., particularly during door to door campaigning or intimidation of voters or influencing voters and due to gathering of any crowd at such places within the vicinity of 200 mts. of the Polling Station which may create nuisance and Law and Order problems;

And whereas, under Section 126 of the Representation of People Act, 1951, no public meetings, processions, musical concert or rally or any kind of propagation of any election matter for campaigning or electioneering is to be allowed in the last 48 hours from the hours of close of Poll i.e. from 18:00 hours on 06-03-2026;

And whereas, Sections 170 and 171 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 prohibits and penalize Bribery and undue influence, while Section 176 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita penalizes any attempt for illegal payments for promoting election of any Candidate;

Now therefore, I, Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao-Goa, in exercise of the powers vested in me under provision of Section 163 of B.N.S.S., 2023, do hereby Order that:

From 18.00 hours of 06-03-2026 to 18.00 hours of 08-03-2026 in the jurisdiction of Ward No. VI of Village Panchayat Aquem Baixo, Ward No. I Village Panchayat Borim, Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Veling-Priol-Cuncoliem and Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Bhoma Adcolna of South Goa District:

a) There shall be ban on unlawful assembly as per sub-section (1) of Section 189 of B.N.S. and any procession or rally shall be strictly prohibited to prevent any nuisance disturbances and law and order problem.

b) No loud speaker shall be permitted to be used for the purpose of elections during the period of 48 hours proceeding with the poll closing time.

c) Vehicles permitted to all Contesting Candidates by the Returning Officers for campaigning shall not ply on roads during the period to avoid any distribution of money or gifts or liquor and to prevent any nuisance and law and order problems, except for vehicles authorized by the Returning Officers on the day of Poll.

d) All private vehicles shall be subject to inspections in a dignified manner as per rules to avoid their misuse for distribution of money or gifts or liquor and for causing any nuisance also to avoid any harassment to private persons.

e) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, should be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whosoever, on the aforesaid days; and on timings mentioned therein.

f) Non-proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants, etc. and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor shall also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days, and on timings mentioned therein.

However, this order shall not apply to Officers authorised on Election Duty by the District Election Officer, South Goa District or the State Government including the Polling Officials, Magistrates and Police Officials.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, this 05th day of March, 2026.

Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao-Goa.

Office of the District Collector and District Magistrate, Kushavati District

Order

No. 38/22/01/2026/BYE-ELEC-V.P./MAG/KD/M.O.305 Date : 05-Mar-2026

UNDER SECTION 163 OF BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023.

Whereas, the Goa State Election Commission has announced the Bye Elections to Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem in Kushavati District which are scheduled to be held on 08-03-2026 (Sunday) and counting of polled votes fixed on 09-03-2026 (Monday). The Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect. The Goa State Election Commission has issued directions to ensure free, fair and peaceful Election;

And whereas, political disputes, confrontation, violence and breach of peace may arise on the eve of the Poll day due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food shops (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., particularly during door to door campaigning or intimidation of voters or influencing voters and due to gathering of any crowd at such places within the vicinity of 200 mts. of the Polling Station which may create nuisance and Law and Order problems;

And whereas, under Section 126 of the Representation of People Act, 1951, no public meetings, processions, musical concert or rally or any kind of propagation of any election matter for campaigning or electioneering is to be allowed in the last 48 hours from the hours of close of Poll i.e. from 18:00 hours on 06-03-2026;

And whereas, Sections 170 and 171 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 prohibits and penalize Bribery and undue influence, while Section 176 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita penalizes any attempt for illegal payments for promoting election of any Candidate;

Now therefore, I, Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao-Goa, in exercise of the powers vested in me under provision of Section 163 of B.N.S.S., 2023, do hereby Order that:

From 18.00 hours of 06-03-2026 to 18.00 hours of 08-03-2026 in the jurisdiction of Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem of Kushavati District:

a) There shall be ban on unlawful assembly as per sub-section (1) of Section 189 of B.N.S. and any procession or rally shall be strictly prohibited to prevent any nuisance disturbances and law and order problem.

b) No loud speaker shall be permitted to be used for the purpose of elections during the period of 48 hours proceeding with the poll closing time.

c) Vehicles permitted to all Contesting Candidates by the Returning Officers for campaigning shall not ply on roads during the period to avoid any distribution of money or gifts or liquor and to prevent any nuisance and law and order problems, except for vehicles authorized by the Returning Officers on the day of Poll.

d) All private vehicles shall be subject to inspections in a dignified manner as per rules to avoid their misuse for distribution of money or gifts or liquor and for causing any nuisance also to avoid any harassment to private persons.

e) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, should be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whosoever, on the aforesaid days; and on timings mentioned therein.

f) Non-proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants, etc. and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor shall also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days, and on timings mentioned therein.

However, this order shall not apply to Officers authorised on Election Duty by the District Election Officer, Kushavati District or the State Government including the Polling Officials, Magistrates and Police Officials.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, this 05th day of March, 2026.

Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, Kushavati District, Goa.

Order

No. 38/22/01/2026/BYE-ELEC-V.P./MAG/KD/M.O.306 Date : 05-Mar-2026

UNDER SECTION 163 OF THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023.

Whereas, the Goa State Election Commission has announced the Bye Election to Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem in Kushavati District which is scheduled to be held on 08-03-2026 (Sunday) and counting of polled votes fixed on 09-03-2026 (Monday). The Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect. The Goa State Election Commission has issued directions to ensure free, fair and peaceful Election;

And whereas, political disputes, confrontation, violence and breach of peace may arise on the eve of the poll due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Paan Shops and other food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., due to gathering of crowd in the vicinity of 200 meters of the polling station and Counting Centre which may create nuisance, law and order problem or may also create a situation of undue pressure or influence on the voter;

And whereas, Sections 170 and 171 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) disallow attempts of bribery and undue influence on any person or voter and whoever commits offence of bribery is punishable under Section 173 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and whoever commits the offence of undue influence or impersonation at an election is punishable under Section 174 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in

me under sub-section (2) of Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, I hereby pass the order ex-parte.

Now therefore, I, Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, Kushavati District, in exercise of the powers vested in me under sub-section (1) of Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 hereby issue following Prohibitory orders:

1. That all Restaurants, Bars, Tea shops, Paan shops, Eateries and other Food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., situated in Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem in Kushavati District jurisdiction within 200 meters of the following, shall remain closed:

   (i) The polling station w.e.f. 06.00 hrs. to 21.00 hrs. on the day of poll i.e. on 08-03-2026.

   (ii) The counting centres w.e.f. 06.00 hrs. to till end of counting of votes on 09-03-2026.

2. Ban any gathering or crowd comprising of more than 5 persons within 200 meters of polling stations within the area of Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem in Kushavati District.

I further direct that the above restrictions shall not apply to public servants on duty and to bonafide marriage or funeral processions or religious processions/functions. Also, the above Order shall not apply to the authorised officers on Election duty including the Polling Officials, Magistrates, Police Officials and Government Staff.

Failure to comply with this order shall be liable for penal action under Section 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 05th day of March, 2026.

Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, Kushavati District, Goa.

Corrigendum

No. 38/22/01/2026/BYE-ELEC-V.P./MAG/KD/M.O.315 Date : 07-Mar-2026

Read: Order No. 38/22/01/2026/BYE-ELEC-V.P./MAG/KD/M.O.306 dated 05-03-2026.

UNDER SECTION 163 OF THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023.

The following contents in the above read Order dated 05-03-2026:

1. That all Restaurants, Bars, Tea shops, Paan shops, Eateries and other Food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., situated in Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem in Kushavati District jurisdiction within 200 meters of the following, shall remain closed:

   (i) The polling station w.e.f. 06.00 hrs. to 21.00 hrs. on the day of poll i.e. on 08-03-2026.

   (ii) The counting centres w.e.f. 06.00 hrs. to till end of counting of votes on 09-03-2026.

2. Ban any gathering or crowd comprising of more than 5 persons within 200 meters of polling stations within the area of Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Balli Adnem and Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem in Kushavati District.

Shall be read as follows:

1. That all Restaurants, Bars, Tea shops, Paan shops, Eateries and other Food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., situated in Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem in Kushavati District jurisdiction within 200 meters of the following, shall remain closed:

   (iii) The polling station w.e.f. 06.00 hrs. to 21.00 hrs. on the day of poll i.e. on 08-03-2026.

   (iv) The counting centres w.e.f. 06.00 hrs. to till end of counting of votes on 09-03-2026.

2. Ban any gathering or crowd comprising of more than 5 persons within 200 meters of polling stations within the area of Ward No. VIII of Village Panchayat Loliem Polem in Kushavati District.

The other contents of the Order No. 38/22/01/2026/BYE-ELEC-V.P./MAG/KD/M.O.306 dated 05-03-2026 shall remain unchanged.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 07th day of March, 2026.

Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, Kushavati District, Goa.

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